



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 5, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT - PARTICIPATION OF COSTA MESA IN FUTURE MEETINGS WITH THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH AND THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

DATE: December 29, 2003

FROM: Mayor Pro Tem Allan Mansoor

PRESENTATION BY: Mayor Pro Tem Allan Mansoor

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BACKGROUND:

Mayor Pro Tem Allan Mansoor has requested that the above, subject item be brought before the full City Council for consideration. The Mayor Pro Tem will summarize the basis for his request at the meeting of January 5, 2004. A synopsis of the matter is provided below.

On November 25, 2003, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach took action to approve recommendations by its Airport Policy Review Committee regarding certain "sphere issues." The sphere issues cover a range of subjects including but not limited to the Santa Ana Heights Redevelopment Area/Plan, the Coyote Canyon Landfill site and John Wayne Airport. Because these areas are presently under the jurisdiction of the County of Orange, the City of Newport Beach has very limited authority. In an effort to gain more local control over the sphere issues, the Airport Policy Review Committee suggested that representatives of the City sit down with the Orange County Board of Supervisors and discuss the issues. No specific course of action was detailed in the Committee's recommendations beyond simply the establishment of a "Sphere Issue Committee." Establishment of the Committee was acted on by the Newport Beach City Council on December 9, 2003.

A copy of the report from the Airport Policy Review Committee is attached for your information. The report acknowledges the likelihood of John Wayne Airport remaining well into the future as the County's only air carrier facility. Accordingly, the report focuses on the value of the City of Newport Beach entering into a dialogue with the County of Orange relative to the airport's future operation and the potential for the City to provide municipal services to the facility.

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor has suggested that the City of Costa Mesa be included in any dialogue between the City of Newport Beach and the County of Orange relative to the future operation of the airport. While the Mayor Pro Tem will articulate his points at your meeting of the 5th, some of the key points are as follows:

- Like residents in Newport Beach, Costa Mesa residents are adversely impacted by noise from the commercial aircraft operating out of JWA. Despite the extension of the 1985 Settlement Agreement that extends controls on noise,

hours of operation and number of commercial aircraft, there most certainly will always be some level of adverse impact on the surrounding communities.

- In addition to the impact of commercial aircraft, private or General Aviation (GA) aircraft flying out of JWA also impact Costa Mesa residents. Departing GA aircraft fly westerly directly over residential neighborhoods in Costa Mesa. Because JWA must remain open 24 hours a day due to Federal requirements, GA aircraft are not restricted by the curfews in effect for commercial aircraft.
- Many of the support operations for JWA are located on the west side of the airport either adjacent to or within Costa Mesa. Some of these operations can generate additional demands for service (such as increased security following the events of 9/11) while others may have more indirect impacts (such as the impact on local roads caused by tanker trucks delivering aviation fuel).

It is staff's understanding that no meetings have been held as yet between the County of Orange and Newport Beach City officials on the subject of the sphere issues. The City of Newport Beach has initiated contact with the Corridor Cities group (Costa Mesa, Santa Ana, Tustin, Orange and Anaheim) to discuss this subject. The Corridor Cities Group includes those communities most directly impacted by arriving and departing flights out of JWA and were key in the effort to extend the 1985 Settlement Agreement. It is expected that the briefing by Newport Beach will occur shortly after the New Year.

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[Attachment: Airport Policy Review Committee Report](#)

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